

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-24, and 28-40 were pending. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-15, and 28-40 were allowed. Claims 16-24 were rejected. In the present response, claims 16-18, 22 and 24 are cancelled. Claims 28 and 40 are amended herein to correct minor typographical errors.

All rejected claims are cancelled herein. All remaining pending claims have been indicated allowable. A Notice of Allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' patent agent, Christopher A. Wiklof, at (425) 455-5575.

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